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## **PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT DATES FOR NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING TO STRENGTHEN THE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM**

**PS Docket Nos. 15-94 and 15-91**

**Comment Date: May 9, 2016**

**Reply Comment Date: June 7, 2016**

On January 28, 2016, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that proposes revisions intended to strengthen the Emergency Alert System (EAS) by facilitating state and local involvement, supporting greater testing and awareness of the system, leveraging technological advances, and enhancing EAS security.<sup>1</sup> The NPRM sets deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 45 and 75 days after publication in the Federal Register.<sup>2</sup>

On March 24, 2016, a summary of the NPRM was published in the Federal Register.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, comments will be due on or before May 9, 2016, and reply comments on or before June 7, 2016. Complete comment filing instructions are set forth in the NPRM and Federal Register.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Amendment of Part 11 of the Commission's Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System, Wireless Emergency Alerts*, PS Docket Nos. 15-94, 15-91, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 16-5 (Jan. 29, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> Federal Communications Commission, Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System and Wireless Emergency Alerts, 81 Fed. Reg. 15792 (March 24, 2016).

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